



MERCER COUNTY

KENTUCKY POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION PROFILE 2008-10



General Population Data

	County	Ky	US
Total population	20,817	4,041,769	281,421,906
Median household income	\$35,555	\$33,672	\$41,994
Per capita income	\$17,972	\$18,093	\$21,587
Living in poverty	12.9 %	15.8 %	12.4 %
Eligible for Medicaid	15.3 %	17.6 %	na
Without medical insurance	12.8 %	13.3 %	14.2 %
Registered voters who voted in 2004 general election	65.6 %	64.7 %	70.9 %
Unemployment rate	5.8 %	5.7 %	4.6 %
Use the Internet at home	69.1 %	64.0 %	na

College Readiness

	County	Ky
Average ACT score	20.0	20.6
% entering college with developmental needs in one or more subjects	62.9 %	45.9 %
% entering college with developmental needs in mathematics	54.1 %	35.4 %
% entering college with developmental needs in English	34.4 %	28.6 %

Employment by Sector

	County	Ky
Agriculture, mining, & other natural resources	66	28,251
Manufacturing & construction	2,733	346,324
Retail, wholesale, transportation, & utilities	1,067	373,216
Finance, professional, & business services	603	258,647
Health & educational services	578	215,834
Government & public education	997	293,968
Leisure, hospitality, & other services	774	209,629

Highest Level of Education

	County	Ky	US
Less than a high school diploma or equivalent	24.2 %	25.9 %	19.6 %
High school diploma or equivalent	41.6 %	33.6 %	28.6 %
Some college but no degree	16.0 %	18.5 %	21.0 %
Associate's degree	4.7 %	4.9 %	6.3 %
Bachelor's degree or higher	13.5 %	17.1 %	24.4 %

Educational Pipeline

	County
High school graduates in 2006	256
In-state college-going rate for 2006 high school graduates	55.0 %
Kentucky Adult Education enrollments in 2006-07	365
GEDs awarded in 2006-07	32
Students entering postsecondary education in summer or fall 2006	199
Students earning an associate's degree in 2006-07	29
Students earning a bachelor's degree in 2006-07	70
Students earning a bachelor's degree in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics in 2006-07	20
Students earning a graduate or professional degree in 2006-07	23
Students enrolled in distance learning college courses in fall 2006	126
Students enrolled in Kentucky Virtual Campus courses in fall 2006	37
Bachelor's degree six-year graduation rate for 2006	54.7 %
Number of additional bachelor's degree holders needed in this county to match the national average	1,543

Undergraduates & Alumni

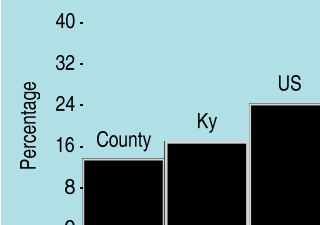
	Enrollment	Alumni
University of Kentucky	92	849
University of Louisville	17	57
Eastern Kentucky University	181	929
Kentucky State University	7	36
Morehead State University	26	92
Murray State University	6	26
Northern Kentucky University	11	8
Western Kentucky University	16	59
KCTCS	288	283
Independent colleges & universities	139	716
Total from this county	783	3,055

Financial Aid to Students From This County

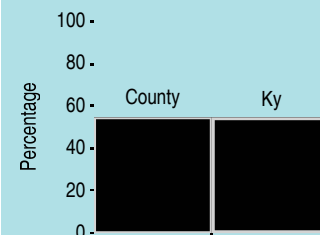
	Dollars	Awards
Federal Pell awards	\$798,877	334
Federal loans	\$2,550,576	429
Kentucky Ed. Excellence Scholarships (KEES)	\$463,181	347
Kentucky need-based grants	\$588,650	261

KEY FACTS

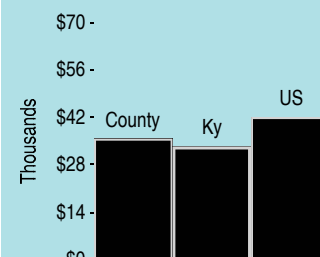
Percentage of Adults With a Bachelor's Degree or Higher



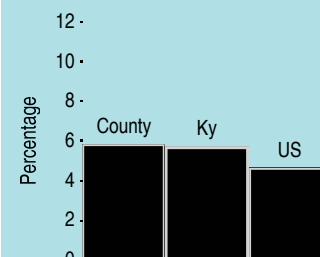
In-State College-Going Rate



Median Household Income



Unemployment Rate



Sources: US Census 2000, US Department of Education, Kentucky Department of Education, Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority, Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, ACT, Inc, Kentucky State Board of Elections, Dave Leip's Atlas of U.S. Presidential Elections, US Census Small Area Health Insurance Estimates Program, Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services, ConnectKentucky, Kentucky Adult Education, and the Council on Postsecondary Education. Complete descriptions of sources and methodologies may be found in the technical notes at the end of the 2008-10 County Profiles or through the Kentucky Postsecondary Education Data Portal at the Web address below.